

**RESPONSE UNDER RULE 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**Art Unit 1644**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

NOLAN

Serial No. 08/963,368

Filed: November 3, 1997

For: *Methods for Screening for Transdominant*  
*Intra-Cellular Effector Peptides*  
*and RNA Molecules*

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**RESPONSE**

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Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the final Official Action of November 10, 1999. Enclosed herein is a petition for a two month extension of time, a Notice of Appeal and the required fees. Therefore, this response is timely filed on or before April 10, 2000. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees including extension fees or other relief as may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-64260-2/DJB/RMS/DSS).